# BELLUM TROIANUM

# A LATIN NOVELLA

BRIAN GRONEWOLLER

ORALYN MURCHISON



# STORYBASE BOOKS.

Published by Storybase Books Peachtree Corners, GA

www.storybasebooks.com

© Brian Gronewoller 2021

Cover Art and Illustrations © Oralyn Murchison 2021

All rights reserved. No part of this book may be reproduced or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopying, recording, or by information storage or retrieval systems, without the written permission of Storybase Books, except where permitted by law.

Publisher's Cataloging-in-Publication (Provided by Cassidy Cataloguing Services, Inc.) NAMES: Gronewoller, Brian, author. | Murchison, Oralyn, illustrator. | Homer. Iliad. | Virgil. Aeneis.

TITLE: Bellum Troianum : a Latin novella / by Brian Gronewoller ; illustrated by Oralyn Murchison.

DESCRIPTION: First edition. | Peachtree Corners, GA: Storybase Books, [2021] | Series: Fabulae epicae; 1. | Comprehensible classics; 21. | Includes "Index Vocabulorum" which provides an English definition for every Latin word form in the text. | Audience: Latin language learners (classroom and independent).

IDENTIFIERS: ISBN: 978-1-736785-90-4 (paperback) | 978-1-736785-91-1 (ebook) | LCCN: 2021904716

SUBJECTS: LCSH: Latin language—Readers—Trojan War. | Latin language—Study and teaching. | Trojan War—Readers. | Trojan War—Fiction. | BISAC: FOREIGN LANGUAGE STUDY / Latin. |

FOREIGN LANGUAGE STUDY / Ancient Languages. | LANGUAGE ARTS & DISCIPLINES / Readers. CLASSIFICATION: LCC: PA2095 .G76 2021 | DDC: 478.6/421–dc23

ISBN: 978-1-736785-90-4 Paperback ISBN: 978-1-736785-91-1 Electronic Book

#### Index Vocābulorum

$\mathbf{A}^1$	annō: <i>year</i>
ā/ab: <i>from</i>	annōs: <i>years</i>
abest: is gone	antequam: before
abstulerat: <i>had stolen</i>	ānxiē: anxiously
abstulit: <i>stole</i>	ānxius: anxious
abī: leave!	aperiēbat: was opening
āctum est: <i>happened</i>	aperta est: was opened
ad: to, at	aperuit: opened
addidērunt: they increased	appāruērunt: they
adiuvā: <i>help!</i>	appeared
adiuvābant: <i>they were</i>	appāruit: appeared
helping	aqua: water
adiuvābat: was helping	aquā: water
adiuvābit: will help	aquam: water
adiuvāre: to help	ārā: altar
adiūvit: <i>helped</i>	āram: <i>altar</i>
āfuērunt: they were gone	artēs: <i>arts</i>
agnīs: with sheep	aspexērunt: they looked
agnōs: <i>sheep</i>	aspexit: looked
aliōs: other	aspiciēbant: was looking
aliquis: someone	atque: and
alterō: second	audī: <i>hear!</i>
amābat: was loving	audiēns: <i>hearing</i>
amābō tē: <i>please</i>	audītis: with () having
amāre: to love	been heard
amāsne: do you love?	audīvit: heard
amīce: friend	aut: or
amicus: <i>friend</i>	autem: however
amō: <i>I love</i>	auxiliō: assistance

**B** bellī: of war

amōre: by love amōris: of love

animum: soul

annīs: years

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  Definitions are given according to a word's meaning in this book. For example, the ablative form  $aqu\bar{a}$  is only used in the prepositional phrase ex  $aqu\bar{a}$ . Its meaning is thus listed as "water."

bellum: war bene dictum: well said

#### C

caelō: from the sky calcem: ankle callidissimus: cleverest calx: ankle canēs: dogs canibus: to the dogs capiēbant: they were capturing capiō: I capture capta est: was captured captī sunt: they were captured captus est: was captured cārissime: dearly loved causā: for (the cause of) cave: beware! cecidit: fell cēpit: captured certē: certainly! yes! cervum: deer cervus: deer cibī: of food cibum: food circum: around clāmābant: *they were* shouting clāmāre: to shout clāmāvērunt: they shouted clāmāvit: shouted coepērunt: they began coepit: began coeptum est: was begun cogitabat: was thinking cōgitāvit: thought

comedent: they will eat comedere: to eat cōnfūsa: confused confusum: confused confusus: confused cōnsīde: sit! cōnsilium: plan, idea cōnsūmēbat: was consuming contrā: against convīviō: party convīvium: party corpora: bodies corpore: body corpus: body cotīdiē: daily, everyday crēdere: to believe cucurrit: ran cum: with; when cūr: why? currēbant: they were running currēbat: was running currentes: running currū: chariot currum: chariot

#### D

dā: give! dabat: was giving dabis: you will give dabō: I will give daret: might give dē: from; down from dea: goddess deae: goddesses deam: goddess deās: goddesses

decem: ten dormīre: to sleep decimō: tenth duae: two dēdit: gave dūcent: they will lead deī: gods dum: while deinde: then, next duo: two dēlē: destrou! dūxit: led dēlēbis: you will destroy dēlēbit: will destroy E dēlēbitur: will be destroyed ecce: behold! look! dēlēbō: I will destroy ego: I dēlēre: to destroy ēheu: oh no! dēlēta est: was destroued equō: horse dēlēta est: had been equum: horse destroyed equus: horse deōrum: of the gods eram: I was deōs: gods erant: *they were* dērīdēbant: they were erat: was laughing at ergō: therefore dērīsit: laughed at eris: you will be dēscendēbant: they were es: you are descending esne: are you? descendentem: descending est: is dēsinite: *stop!* estis: you (pl.) are deus: god et: and dī immortālēs: immortal etiam: also gods! eugē: hooray! dīc: speak! eum: him diē: day ex: out of diēs: days exīvit: went out of difficile: difficult exsiliēbant: *they were* dīrēxit: guided leaping (out of) diū: for a long time exspectā: wait! dīxit: said exspectābant: they were dōna: gifts waiting (for) dormiēbant: they were exspectabat: was waiting sleeping (for) dormiēbat: was sleeping extrā: outside dormientibus: with (\_\_\_\_) sleeping

F fortasse: perhaps, maybe facere: to make fortior quam: stronger than faciāmus: let's make fortissimum: *strongest* faciēs: you will make fortissimus: *strongest* facitur: is made fortiter: *bravely* faciunt: they make frāngī: to be broken factus est: was made frāter: brother familiam: family frātrēs: brothers fēcērunt: they made fugere: to flee fēmina: woman fūgērunt: they flee fēminae: to/for the woman fūgī: I fled fēminam: woman fugiēbant: they fled feram: I will carru fugis: you flee ferēns: carrying fūgit: flees ferentēs: carrying fugite: flee! ferēs: you will carry, bring fuit: was ferre: to carry, bring ferte: carry! bring! fīlī: son G fīlia: daughter galea: helmet fīliam: daughter galeam: *helmet* fīlius: son gaudēbat: was rejoicing, fīnis: end fīxērunt: they pierced gāvīsa est: rejoiced, was fīxit: pierced happy fīxum est: was pierced gāvīsī sunt: they rejoiced, flābat: was blowing were happy flābit: will blow gāvīsus est: he rejoiced, was flāvit: blew happy flēbat: was weeping gerāmus: let's wage flēre: to weep gerere: to wage flēs: you weep gereret: wages flūmen: river gladiō: sword flūminī: to/for the river gladium: sword flūminis: *of the river* gladius: *sword* 

grātiās: thanks

foedera: pacts

foedus: pact

H

habēbant: *they had, were* 

having

habēbat: had, was having

habeō: I have habuit: had hāc: on this hasta: *spear* 

hastā: with a spear; spear

hastam: *spear* heri: *yesterday* hērōa: hero hērōs: hero hodiē: today

hominēs: *people, humans* 

hōrā: hour

T

iam: now

iamiam: right now

iānua: door iānuam: door iēcit: threw ignāve: coward!

ignis: fire

ignōscite mihi: *I'm sorry* 

illā: on that

immortālēs: immortal immortālis: immortal

in: in; on īnfantēs: *babies* īnfernō: underwold īnfernum: underworld īnsānus: insane

intellegō: I understand

inter: between

interfēceram: I have killed interfēcerat: had killed

interfēcērunt: they killed

interfēcī: I killed interfēcistī: you killed

interfēcit: killed interfectī sunt: they were

killed

interfectus est: was killed

interficere: to kill interficeret: might kill interficiam: I will kill; I

should kill

interficiās: you should kill interficiēbant: they were

killing

interficiēmus: we will kill interficientēs: killing

intrābant: they were entering

invenīre: to find

invenīrent: they might find

invēnit: found invītāvit: invited iō: hurrah! īra: anger īrā: by anger īrāta: angry

īrātae: angry īrātior: *angrier* 

īrātissimus: very angry

īrātus: angry ita: so

iterum: again iūdicā: judge!

iūdicāre: to judge iūdicāret: had judged iussit: he ordered

īvērunt: they went

īvit: went

#### T. mea: my leōnēs: lions meā: my meam: my libenter: you're welcome mēcum: with me ligneō: wooden mediō: middle ligneum: wooden ligneus: wooden meō: mu mersit: dipped lītore: shore, beach meum: my longō: long meus: my longum: long lupī: wolves mī: my mihi: to/for me mīlle: one thousand M minimē: no magica: magic mīrātī sunt: they were magicum: magic amazed magna: large; great miser: poor, wretched magnae: large; great mīsit: sent, shot, threw magnī: large; great mitte: send! throw! magnō: large; great mittere: to send, shoot, magnōs: large; great throw magnum: large; great mönstrum: monster maior quam: greater than; mortālis: mortal larger than mortua: dead mala: bad, wicked mortuī: dead malī: bad, wicked mortuum: dead mortuus: dead mālō: apple mālum: apple movēbant: they were malus: bad, wicked moving mane: in the morning mōvit: moved manifestum est: clearly, mox: soon obviously multae: many mānsī: I remained multī: many marīte: husband multīs: many marītum: husband multōs: many māter: mother multum: very; very much; mātre: mother greatly mātrem: *mother* mūrīs: walls

mūrōs: walls

mūtāvit: changed

maximus: *huge* 

mē: me

#### oderant: they hated N ōdērunt: they hate nāve: ship nāvem: ship ōdī: I hate odissent: they would have nāvēs: ships nāvibus: from the ships hated omnēs: all nāvigandum: sailing omnibus: with all; while nāvigārent: they sail nāvigāte: sail! all omnium: of all nāvigāvit: sailed orbe terrārum: earth nē: that; lest orbem terrārum: earth necesse: necessary ōscula: kisses nēmō: no one nictāvit: winked ostendam: I will show nihil: nothing nisi: unless; if not P nōbīs: to us parāvit: prepared nocte: at night parvā: *small* nolebat: wasn't wanting, parvam: small didn't want parvōs: *small* nōlī: don't! pater: father nōluit: didn't want patrī: to a/the father nōmen: name patriam: homeland, nōmine: by name fatherland nōn: not portae: gates nonne: not (expects the portās: gates person to agree) portīs: gates nōs: we: us possum: I can, am able to novam: new possumus: we can, are novem: nine able to nūlla: no. none postrīdiē: *the next day* nūllae: no, none poterat: could, was able to nūllus: no. none potest: can, is able to nunc: now potuit: could, was able to praeter: except prīmō: on the first റ

occulta: secret, hidden

occultam: hidden

occultē: secretly

prīmum: first

prope: near

puer: boy

#### **BELLUM TROIANUM**

puerī: *of the boy* puerum: boy pugnā: fight! pugnābant: they were fighting pugnābō: I will fight pugnāre: to fight pugnāte: fight! pugnāvit: fought pulcherrima: most beautiful pulcherrimae: most beautiful pulcherrimam: *most* beautiful pulchrae: beautiful pulchram: beautiful pulchritūdine: by beauty pulchritūdinis: of beauty pulsāvērunt: they hit pulsāvit: hit pūnī: punish! pūniam: I will punish

### Q

quattuor: four quia: because quid: what quīdam: a certain quis: who quō: (to) where...? quod: which quōmodo: how quoque: also

#### R

rapidē: quickly

rē: matter; thing rēctē: in a straight line; correctly reddam: I should return; I will return reddās: you should return; you will return redde: return! reddēs: you will return reddidit: returned reddō: I return, I am returning rēge: king rēgīna: queen rēgis: of the king rēgna: kingdoms rem: matter; thing removit: removed respondit: responded respōnsum: response rēx: king rīdēbat: was laughing rīdiculum: ridiculous rogāvērunt: they asked rogāvit: asked

#### S

sacerdōs: priest sacrificāre: to sacrifice sacrificium: sacrifice sagitta: arrow sagittā: arrow sagittae: arrow sagittāriī: archers sagittāriōs: archers sagittās: arrows sagittās: by arrows

salvē: hello sapientiam: wisdom scrīptum est: was written scūtum: shield sē: herself, himself secūtus est: followed sed: but sequiminī: follow! serpentēs: serpents serpsērunt: slithered servī: slaves sī: if sibi: to himself sīcut: as; like signum: sign silentium: silence silvā: forest, wood silvam: forest, wood sine: without sōlum: only, alone sōlus: alone somniō: dream somnium: dream sonum: sound, noise stābant: *they were* standing stantēs: standing statim: immediately, at once statuam: statue stultī: foolish, stupid stultus: foolish, stupid suam: her/his (own) sub: under subitō: *suddenly* sum: I am sūmpsit: picked up

sunt: they are

super: on; upon

sūrge: rise! suum: her/his (own)

#### T

tandem: finally, at last tantum: only tē: you tēcum: with you templī: of the temple templō: temple templum: temple tempore: time tenēns: holding ter: three times terram: land tertiō: third tetigit: touched tibi: to/for you timēbant: they were afraid timeō: I fear timōre: by fear timuit: was afraid tōtō: entire, whole tōtum: entire, whole trāxit: dragged trēs: three

#### IJ

tū: you

tua: your

tuam: your

tuum: your

tuus: your

ubi: where
ubīque: everywhere
umbra: ghost

umbrā: from the ghost

#### **BELLUM TROIANUM**

ūnā: *one* ūnam: *one* ūnus: *one* 

ut: so that, in order to; as

uxor: wife uxōrem: wife uxōrēs: wives

#### $\mathbf{V}$

vae: woe valē: goodbye

vehementer: violently vēnātōrum: of hunters

vēnātōrum: of hun venēnum: poison ventī: of wind ventum: wind ventus: wind verba: words verbīs: words verbum: word vēritātem: truth vertit: turned vestra: your (pl.) vestrās: your (pl.) vicerant: they had

conquered vīcerat: had conquered

vīctī erant: they had been

conquered vidēmus: we see vidēns: seeing videō: I see

vidērent: they might see vidēret: might see vīdērunt: they saw vidēte: see! look!

vīdit: saw vīgintī: twenty

vincēmus: we will conquer

vincere: to conquer vincerent: they might

conquer
vir: man
virōs: men
virum: man
vīs: you want
vocāvistī: you called
vocāvit: called

volēbam: *I was wanting* volēbant: *they were* 

wanting

volāvit: flew

volēbat: was wanting

volō: I want

voluerat: had been wanting

vōs: you (pl.) vulnerātus: injured



# **About Storybase Books**

Storybase Books publishes books that help beginners learn Latin and Greek by reading.

Our novellas use limited vocabulary to tell engaging stories that are accessible to novice-and intermediate-level readers. Meanings for many words are provided in footnotes and a full index of all words, word forms, and phrases is included in each novella. Readers can thus read each novella on their own, with others, or with a class.

For all of our novellas, tiered readers, and other books, please visit:

www.storybasebooks.com

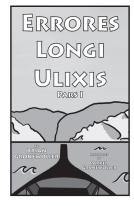
# **Novellas for Latin I**

#### Ego, Polyphemus

by Andrew Olimpi

Polyphemus the Cyclops' life is pretty simple: he looks after his sheep, hangs out in his cave, writes (horrible) poetry, and eats his cheese... until one day a ship arrives on his peaceful island, bringing with it invaders and turning his peaceful world upside down.





#### Errores Longi Ulixis, Pars I

by Brian Gronewoller Illustrated by Parker Gronewoller

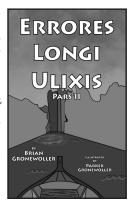
After ten years of war the Greeks have finally conquered Troy and are ready to sail home. Their actions following the victory, however, have angered Neptune and Minerva. And Odysseus (Ulysses), Eurylochus, and Elpenor are about to learn that angry gods and goddesses can turn a brief cruise across the Mediterranean into a long adventure as they wander through unknown lands filled with strange fruit, cannibals, and monsters.

#### Errores Longi Ulixis, Pars II

by Brian Gronewoller Illustrated by Parker Gronewoller

Odysseus (Ulysses) and his companions have been trying to sail home from the Trojan War for more than a year. Angry gods and goddesses, however, have sent them wandering through dangerous and unfamiliar lands. Most of the crew has perished. Only one ship has survived. And a mysterious enchantress has transformed many of the survivors into pigs.

Now, Odysseus, Eurylochus, and Elpenor must overcome nymphs, ghosts, monsters, the gods, and a trip to the Underworld, if they ever want to see their beloved island of Ithaca again.



## **Novellas for Latin II**



#### Io et Tabellae Magicae

by Andrew Olimpi

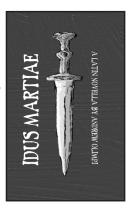
lo is tired of her life in a small town in ancient Greece. She is growing up fast but is frustrated that her mother still treats her like a child.

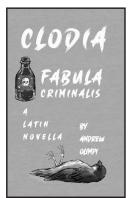
One day, lo finds a wax tablet and stylus in a mysterious clearing in the woods. She is surprised to discover that a single sentence has been written on the tablet: "Hello, lo." Who left the message? How do they know lo's name? lo immediately decides to solve this mystery, a decision that entangles her, her sister Eugenia, and her friend Chloe in a thrilling and dangerous adventure.

#### **Idus Martiae**

by Andrew Olimpi

It's 44 BC, and strange things are happening in Rome. A sacrificed bull is found to have no heart. Senators are meeting in houses secretly, speaking in whispers and hiding in the shadows. A soothsayer is warning people in the streets to "beware the Ides of March." Mysterious boxes are beginning to turn up ... containing daggers. Pompeia, her brother Cornelius, and her friend Roscus set out to investigate these strange happenings and soon find themselves entangled in a web of intrigue, deception ... and murder!





#### Clodia: Fabula Criminalis

by Andrew Olimpi

"I love you and I hate you at the same time."

Love, lies, betrayal, extortion... just another day in the life of Clodia, a wealthy Roman woman who will do anything to get what she wants. When she spots a handsome young poet named Catullus at a dinner party, this chance encounter sparks a whirlwind romance. Rather than leading to a fairytale ending, however, this relationship brings only heartache, jealousy, and murder.

# **Novellas for Latin III and Up**

#### Camilla, 2nd ed.

by Rachel Ash

Camilla runs with the nymphs and hunts better than most men. She is nearly invincible in the battlefield, and it seems she cannot miss with either arrow or spear. Raised in the woods by her father, only her great beauty sets her apart from the men she fights beside.

Camilla's fate, like her father's, is bound in the quest for glory. She can remain home, companion to the goddess Diana, or seek to become part of a legend. What will Camilla choose?





#### Perpetua et Felicitas

by Brian Gronewoller Illustrated by Miles Cleveland

Perpetua and Felicity are young women living in Roman North Africa with their whole lives ahead of them . . . until they find themselves in a Roman prison cell.

Based on the Passio Perpetuae et Felicitatis (The Passion of Perpetua and Felicity), one of the most influential and famous martyr narratives in the Christian tradition, this Latin novella reimagines their stories for low- to mid-intermediate readers of Latin.

#### **Vox in Tenebris**

by Andrew Olimpi

Lucanus, a Roman citizen travelling through Greece, has a big problem: he is far from home, broke, and desperate to make some quick money.

A job opportunity soon comes his way, with a big reward: one hundred gold coins! The catch? Lucanus has to stay up all night with the dead body of a prominent citizen. Lucanus takes the job, even though he's heard the stories that citizens of the town whisper: tales of witches, ruthless and bloodthirsty, who wander the streets after the sun goes down.

